



# HEROES

## CHAPTER 40

# BETTY

Part 2 of 4

In what could be any high school across the country, a girl overhears several cheerleaders talking about her: making fun of her weight, her looks and her interests. Only this time is different. This girl is Betty. And she's just found out she can create terrifying images with the power of her mind...





**A**FTER PRACTICE...

...TOTALLY  
ATE IT...

...COACH  
LAID INTO  
HIM...

...TEN  
POINT SPREAD,  
I GUARANTEE  
IT...

...BLEW OFF  
THAT HOMEWORK  
ASSIGNMENT...



YOU COMIN',  
CRASH...?

I'LL CATCH  
UP, YO. I STILL  
GOTTA' HIT  
THE HEAD.



SOMEBODY  
IN HERE...?



YOU  
CALL THAT  
DEFENSE,  
BOY?!

WHU...  
WHU...



NO SON OF  
MINE PLAYS  
LIKE THAT ON  
THE FIELD!

YOU'RE A DAMN  
DISGRACE!

D-DAD...

NO--!

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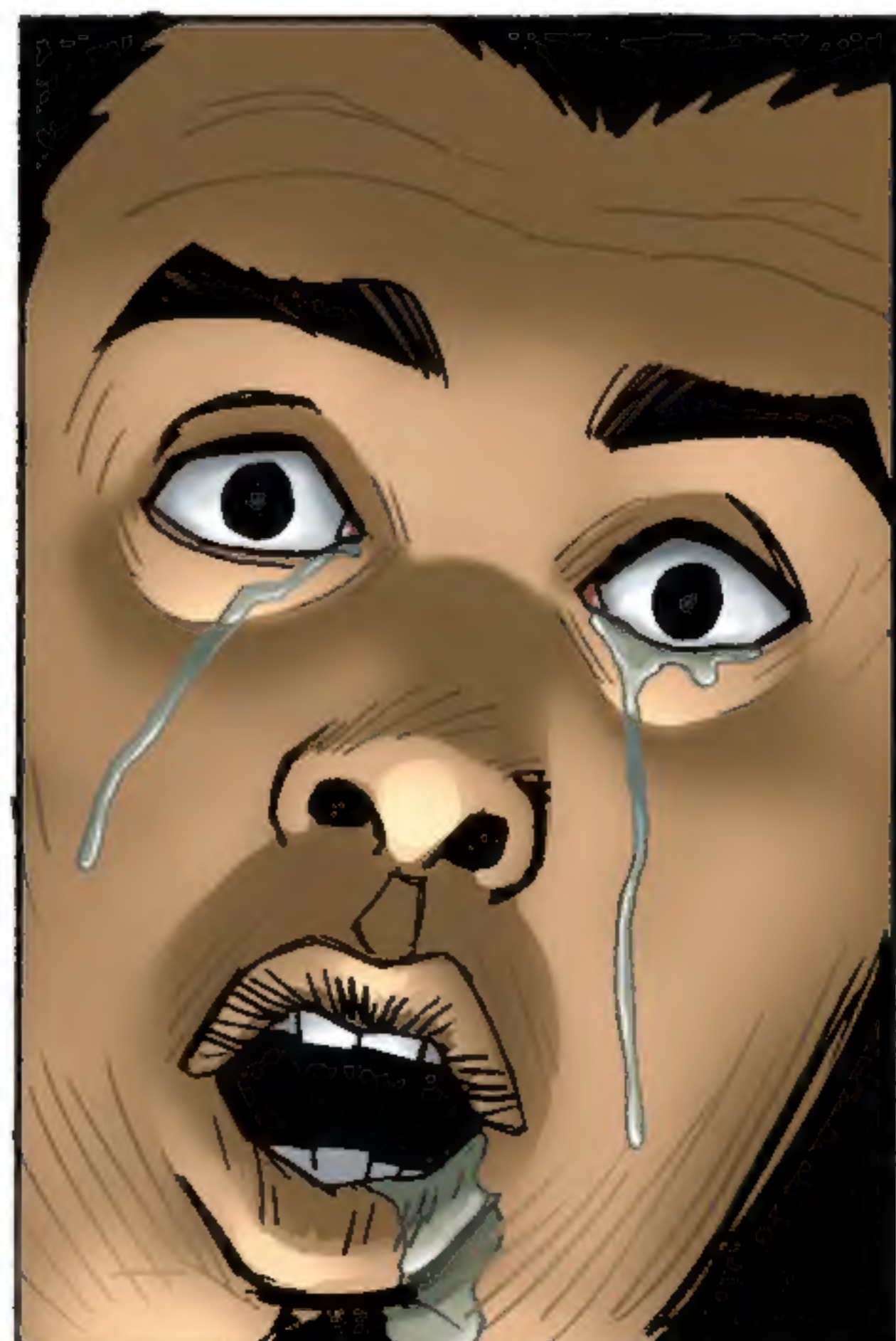
THIS IS WHAT  
YOU GET FOR  
SLACKING  
OFF --!

ING--!

-- SHOULD'VE  
DROWNED YOU AT  
BIRTH, BOY!

-- BEAT  
IT OUTTA'  
YOU --

-- NEVER  
LOVED YOU  
ANYWAY --







**T**HE NEXT DAY.

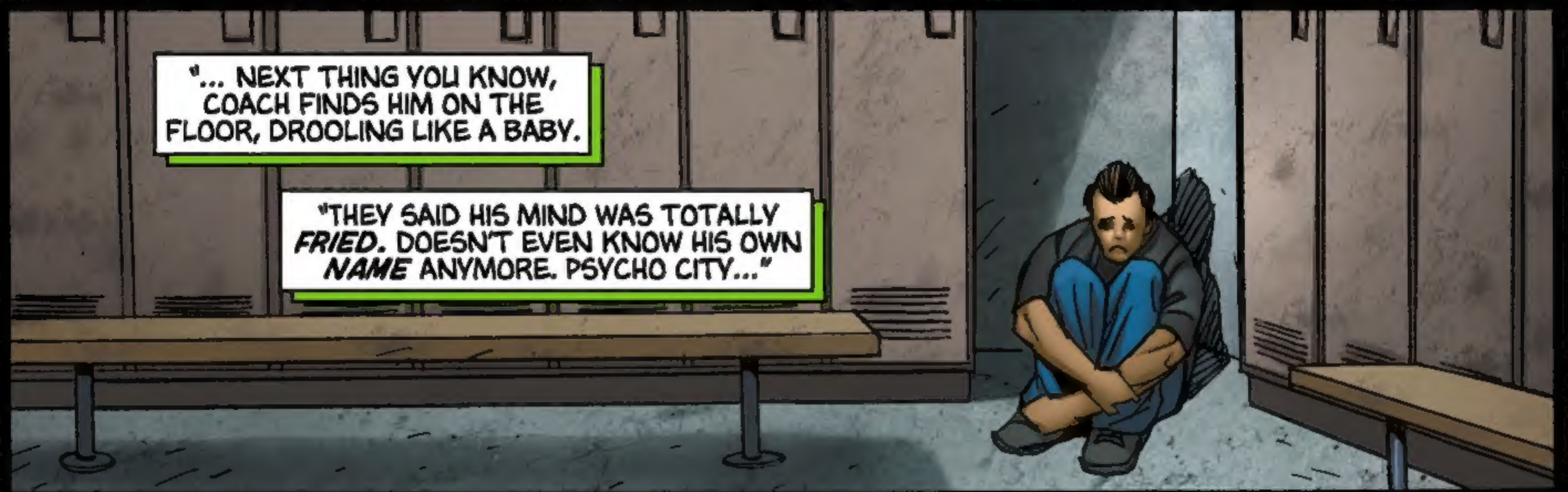


YOU GUYS  
HEAR ABOUT  
**CRASH** --?!

HELL, YEAH, WE  
HEARD. I CAN'T  
FIGGER IT OUT,  
Y'KNOW...



...I MEAN, WE JUST SAW HIM  
IN THE LOCKER ROOM AFTER  
PRACTICE. NO BIG DEAL. HE  
HAD TO HANG BACK...



"... NEXT THING YOU KNOW,  
COACH FINDS HIM ON THE  
FLOOR, DROOLING LIKE A BABY.

"THEY SAID HIS MIND WAS TOTALLY  
**FRIED**. DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HIS OWN  
**NAME** ANYMORE. **PSYCHO CITY**..."



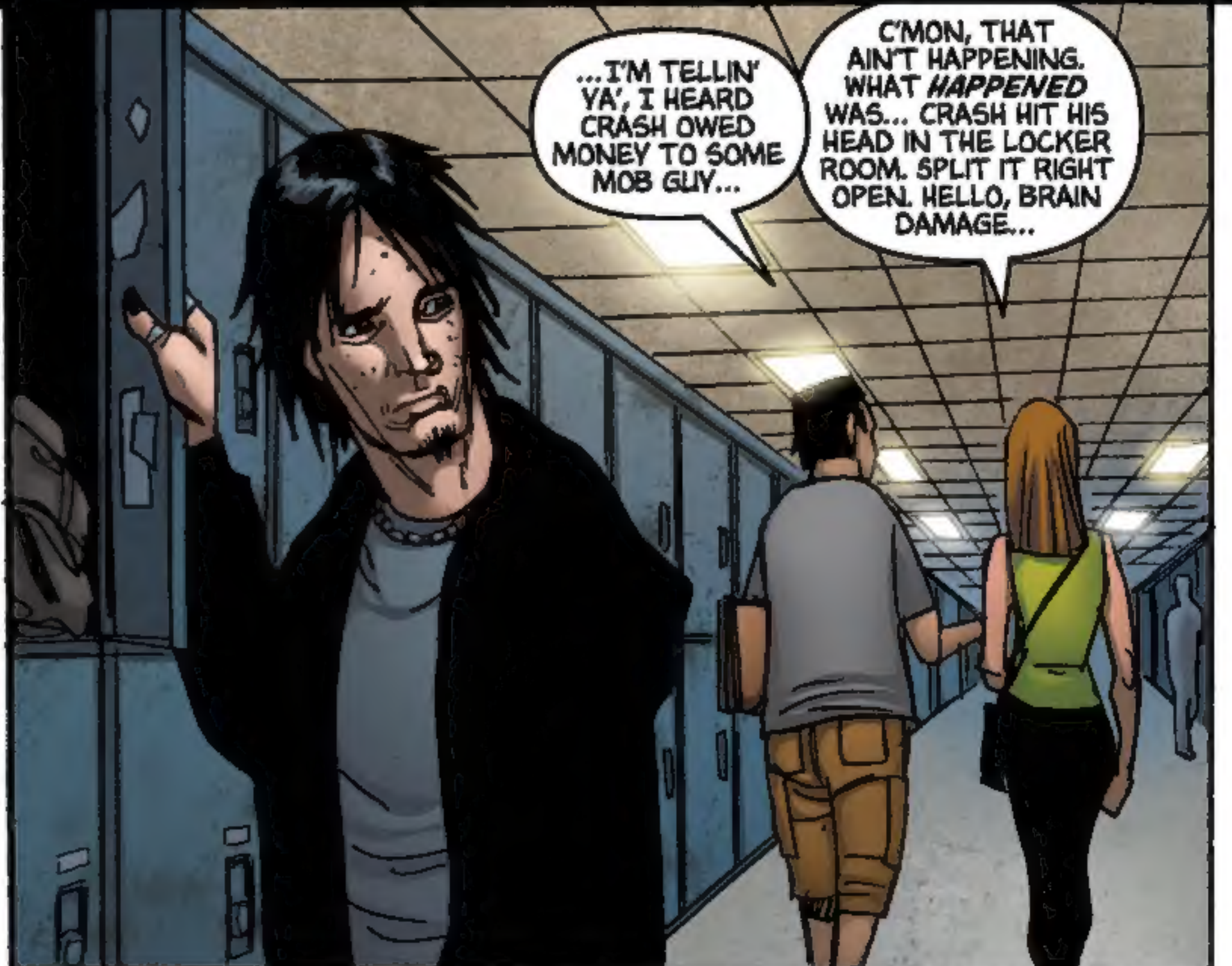
-- HEARD HE WAS  
**TOTALLY** COKE  
OUT --

...BRAIN  
DEAD...

...HEARD COACH  
MARBORO KICKED THE  
CRAP OUT OF HIM FOR  
GOING OUT OF BOUNDS  
ON A PLAY...

-- MENTAL  
INSTITUTION --

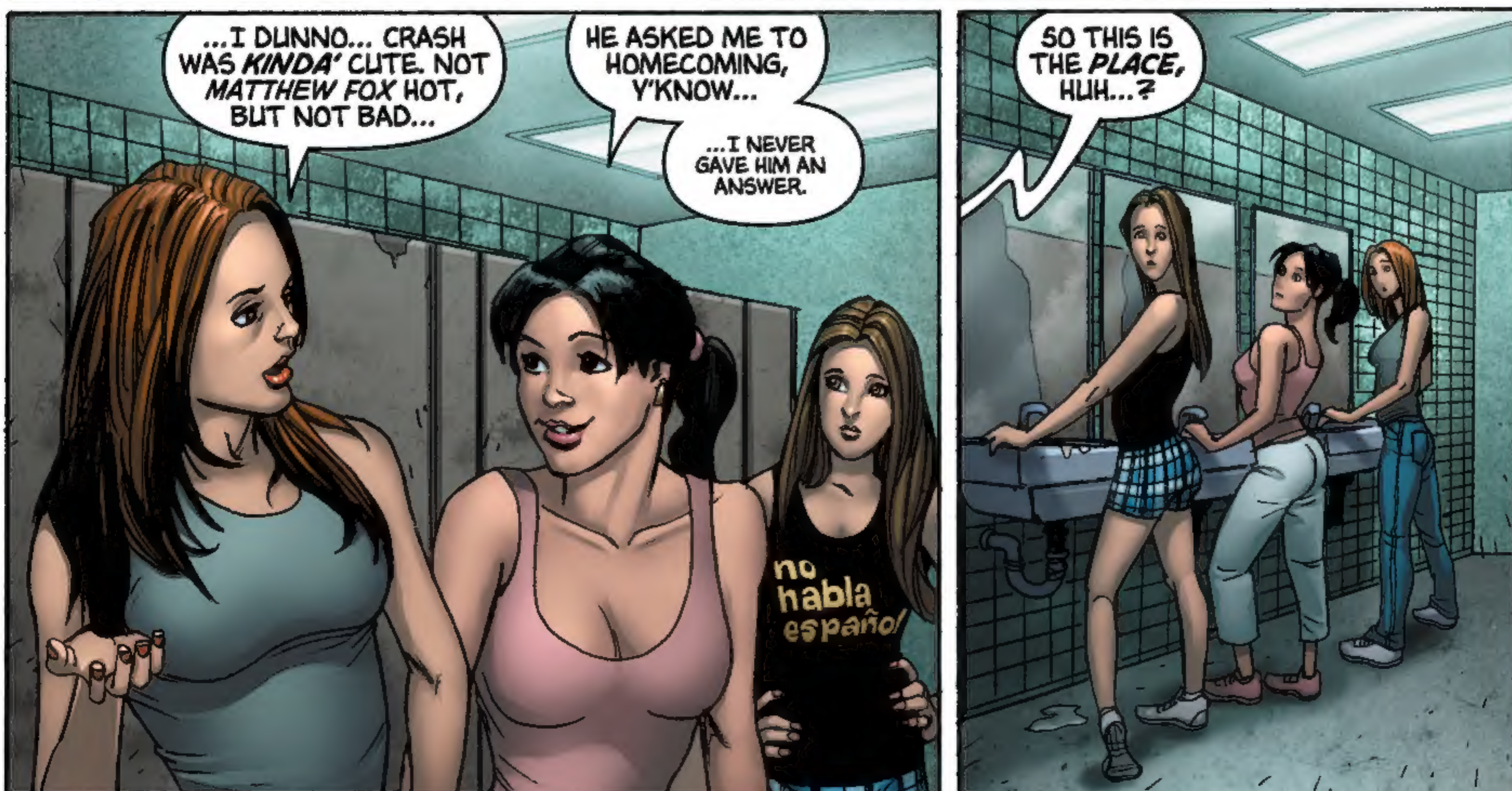
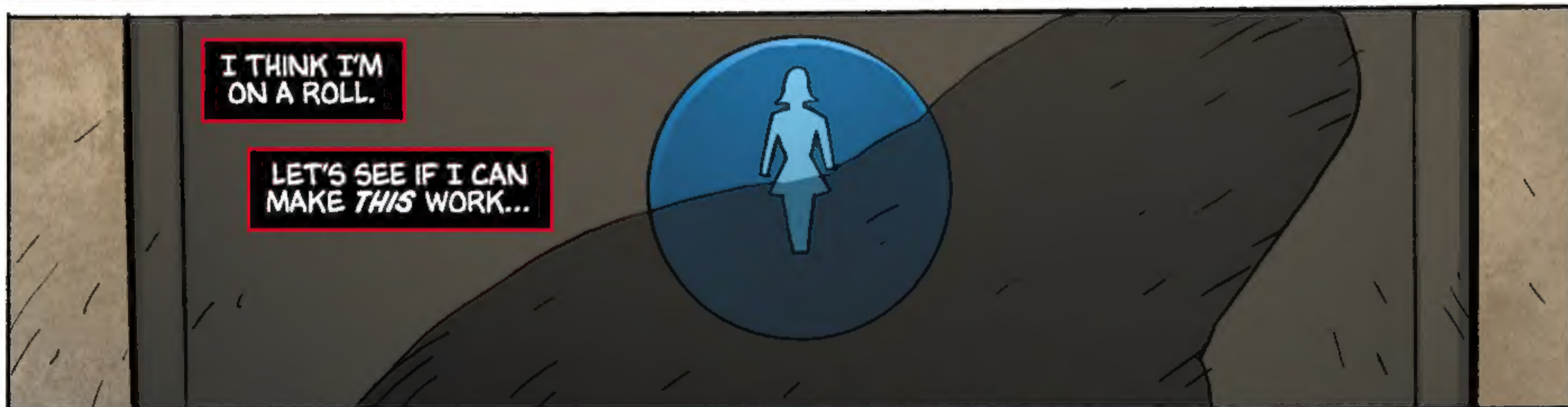
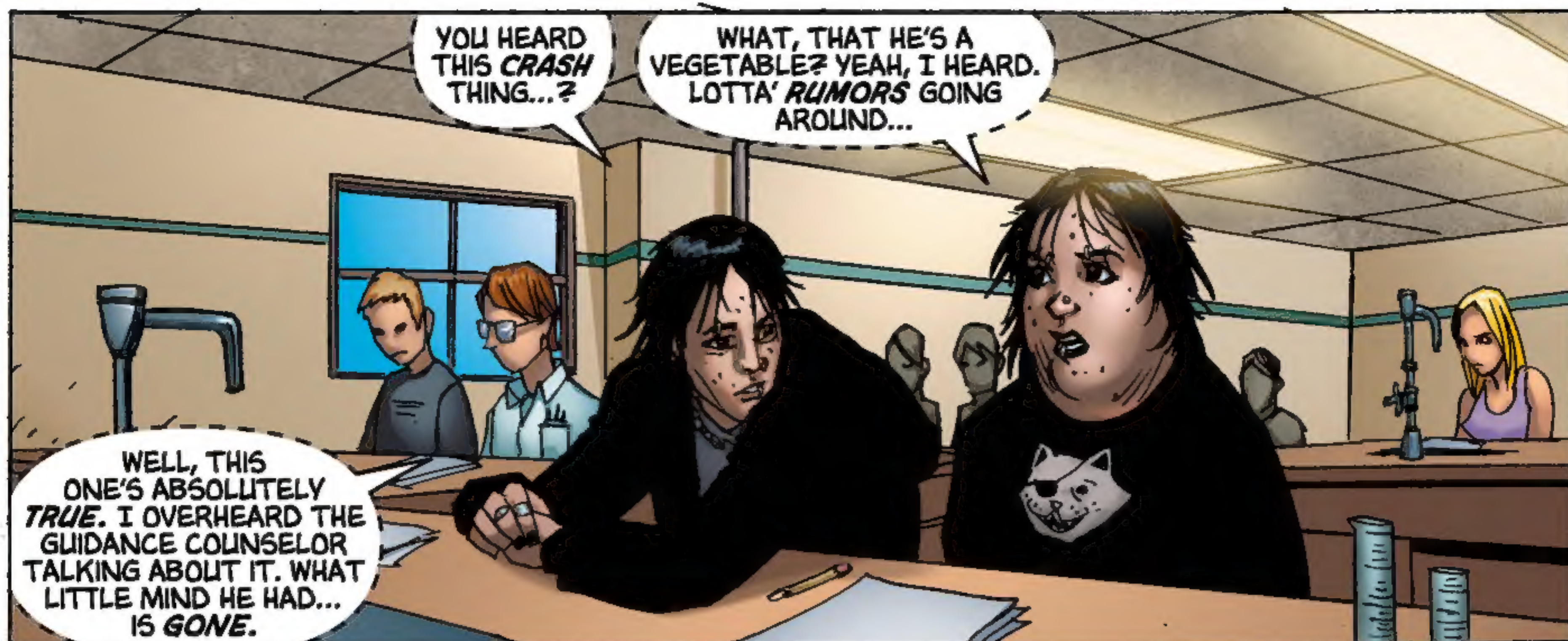
...COPS CAME  
DOWN...



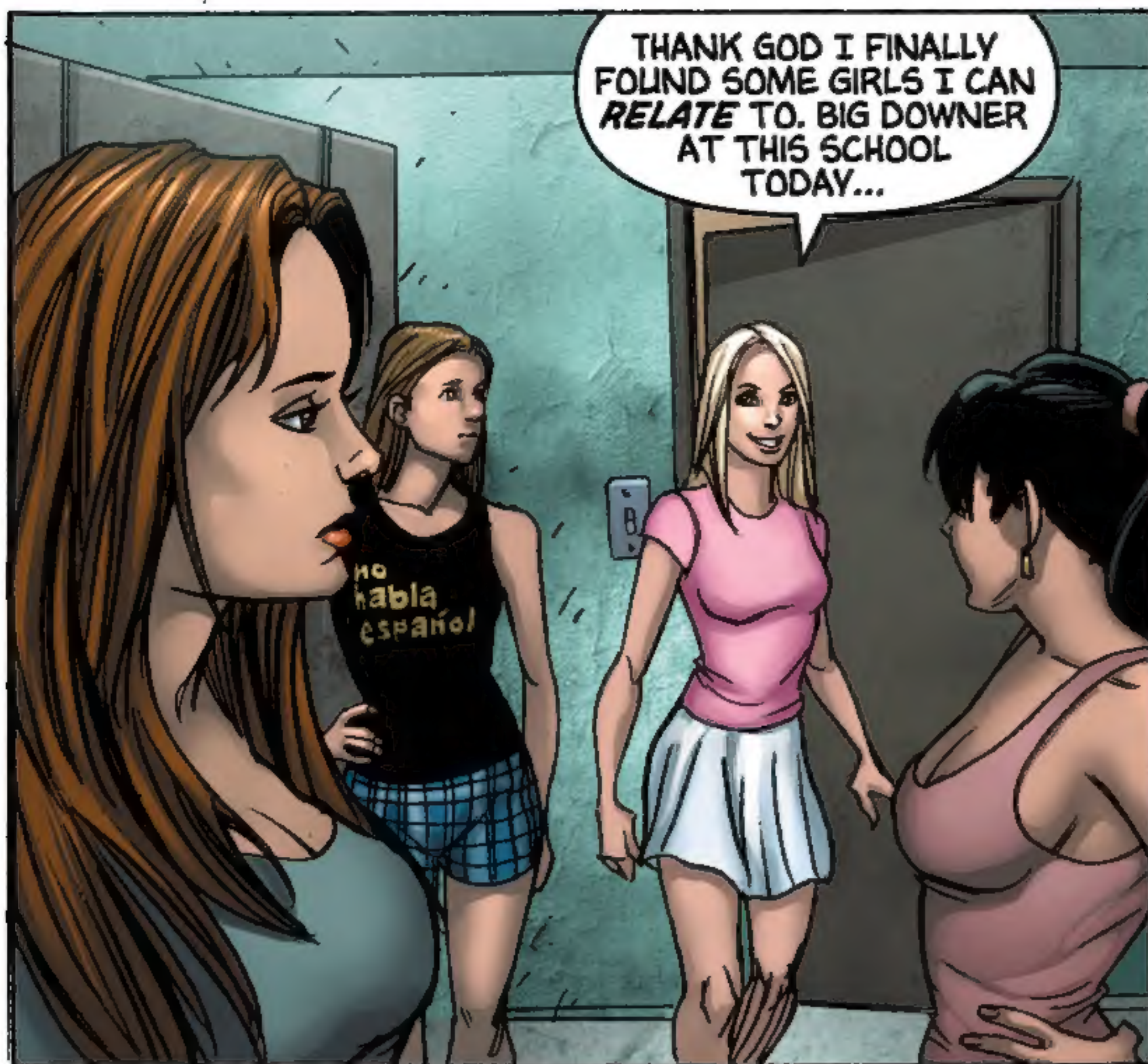
...I'M TELLIN'  
YA, I HEARD  
CRASH OWED  
MONEY TO SOME  
MOB GUY...

C'MON, THAT  
AIN'T HAPPENING.  
WHAT **HAPPENED**  
WAS... CRASH HIT HIS  
HEAD IN THE LOCKER  
ROOM. SPLIT IT RIGHT  
OPEN. HELLO, BRAIN  
DAMAGE...

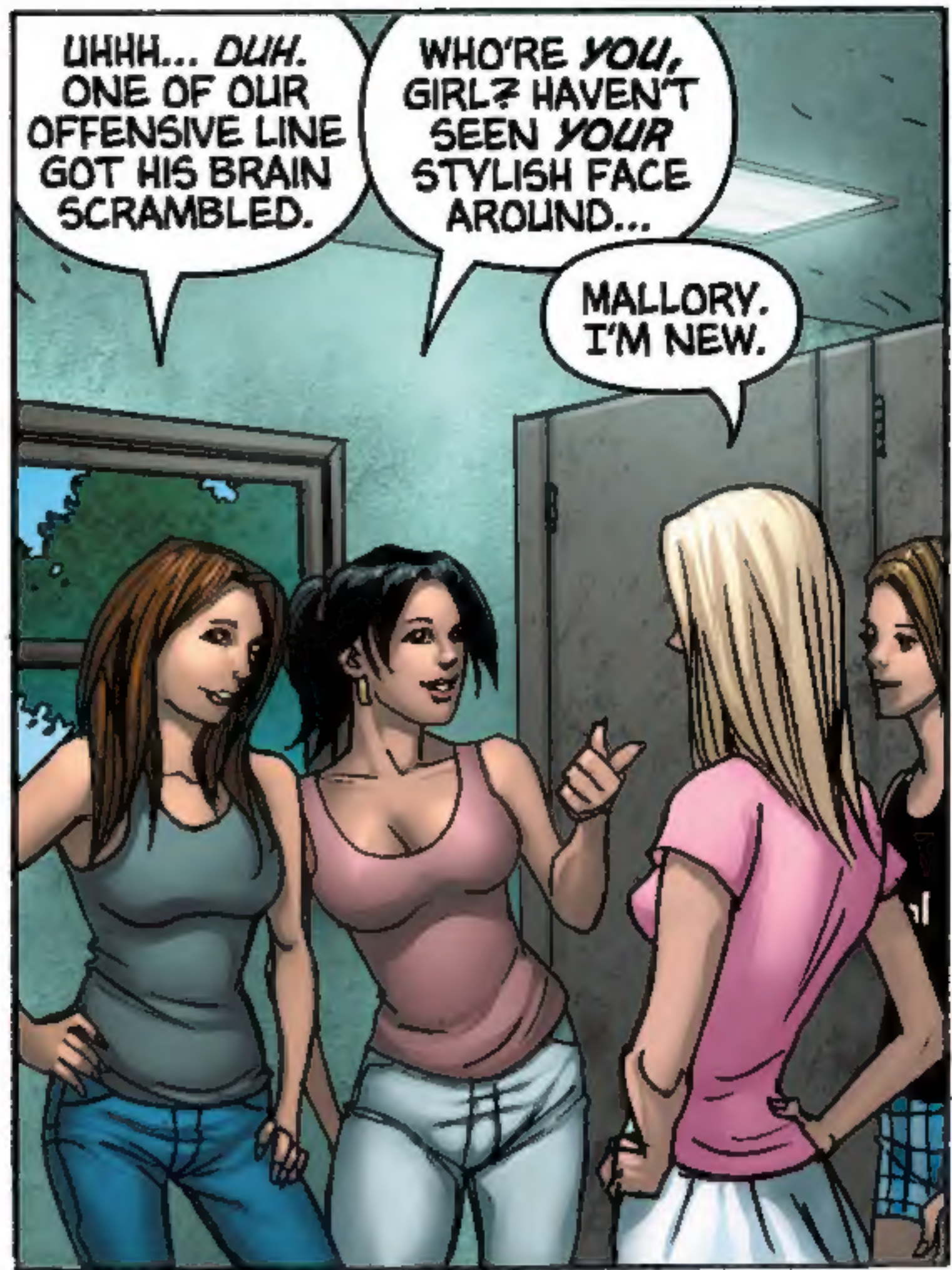








THANK GOD I FINALLY FOUND SOME GIRLS I CAN *RELATE* TO. BIG DOWNER AT THIS SCHOOL TODAY...



UHHH... DUH. ONE OF OUR OFFENSIVE LINE GOT HIS BRAIN SCRAMBLED.

WHO'RE YOU, GIRL? HAVEN'T SEEN *YOUR* STYLISH FACE AROUND...

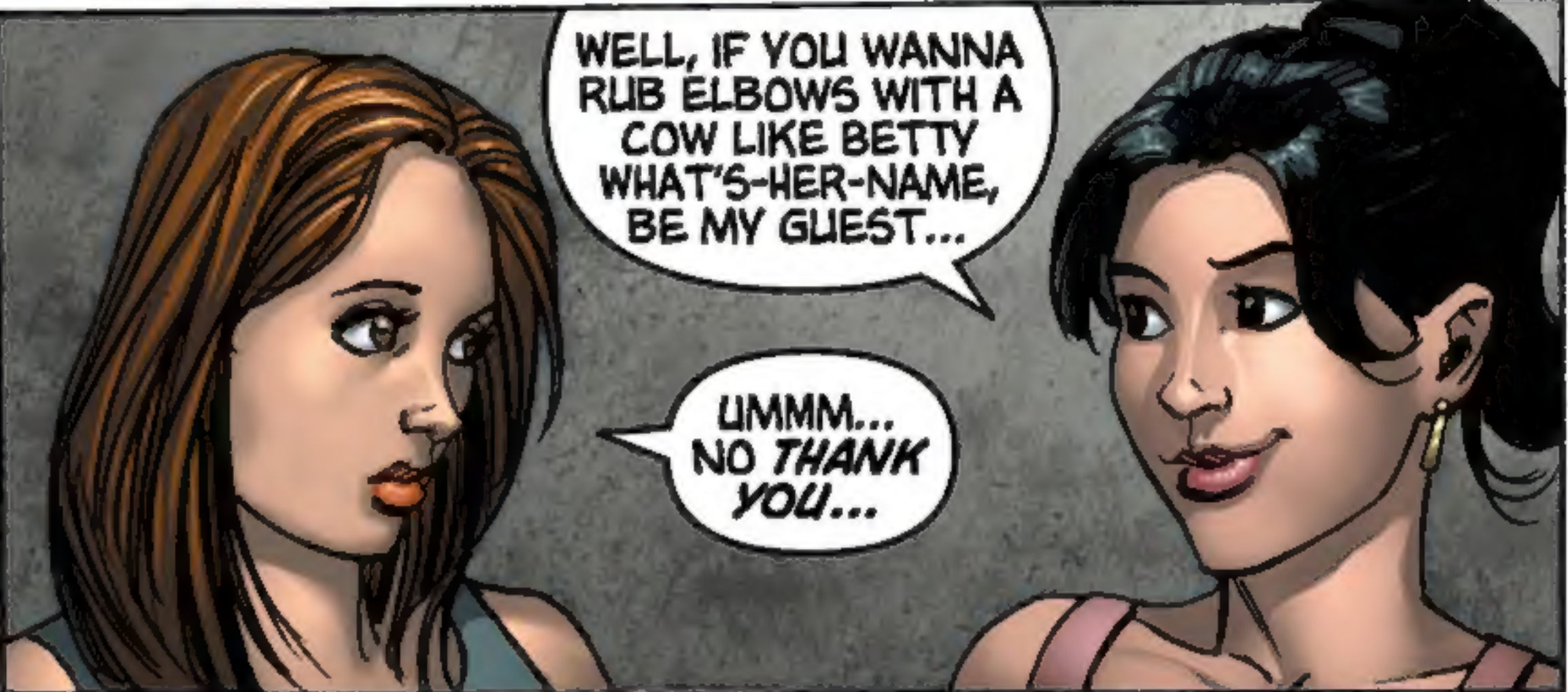
MALLORY. I'M NEW.



SO, I WAS JUST IN THE FRONT OFFICE, GETTING MY SCHEDULE. HOW'S AP ENGLISH AROUND HERE...?

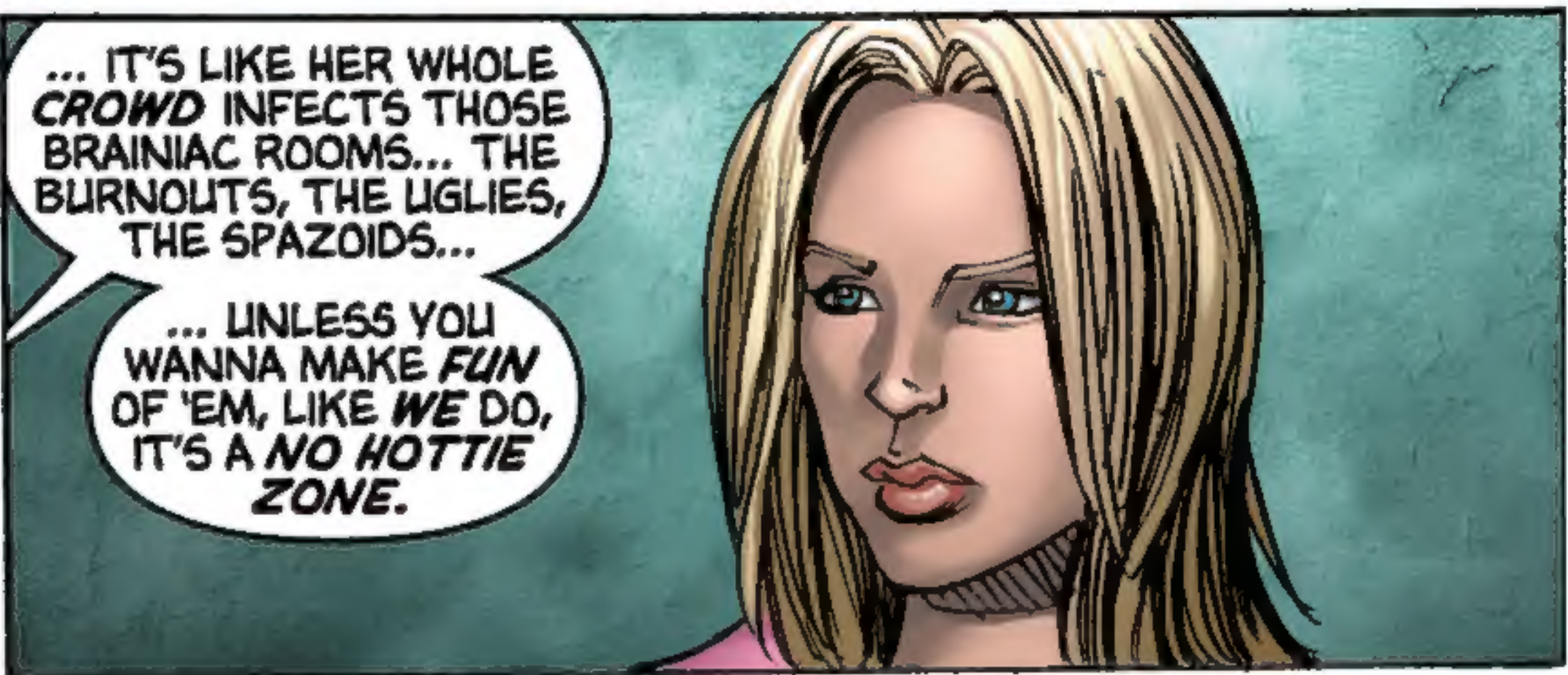
PUH-LEEZE. TOTALLY *NOT* DOPE. HONOR CLASSES ARE CATTLE CENTRAL.

WHU... WHADDYA MEAN...?



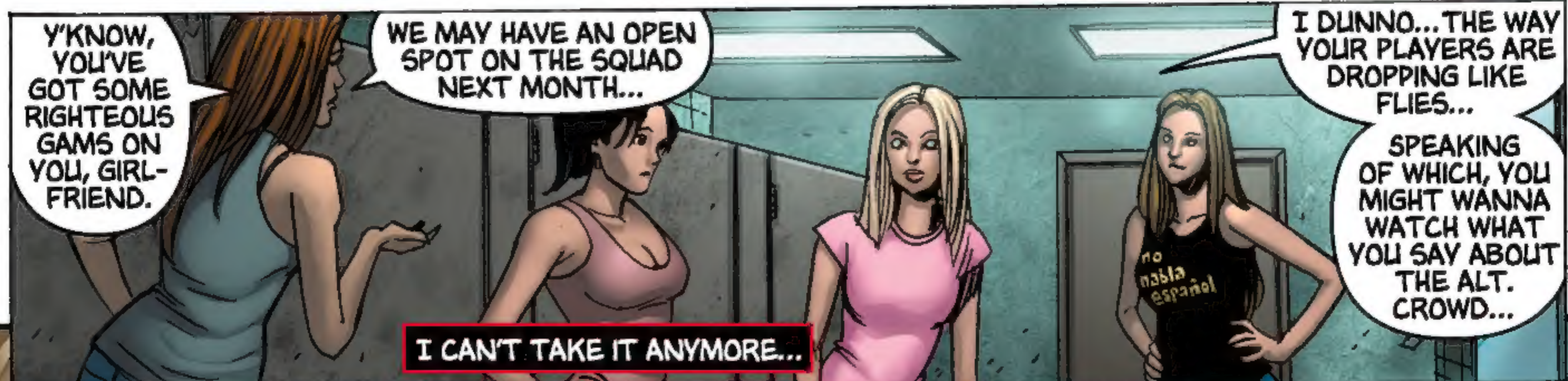
WELL, IF YOU WANNA RUB ELBOWS WITH A COW LIKE BETTY WHAT'S-HER-NAME, BE MY GUEST...

UMMM... NO THANK YOU...



... IT'S LIKE HER WHOLE *CROWD* INFECTS THOSE BRAINIAC ROOMS... THE BURNOUTS, THE UGLIES, THE SPAZIDS...

... UNLESS YOU WANNA MAKE *FUN* OF 'EM, LIKE *WE* DO, IT'S A *NO HOTTIE ZONE*.



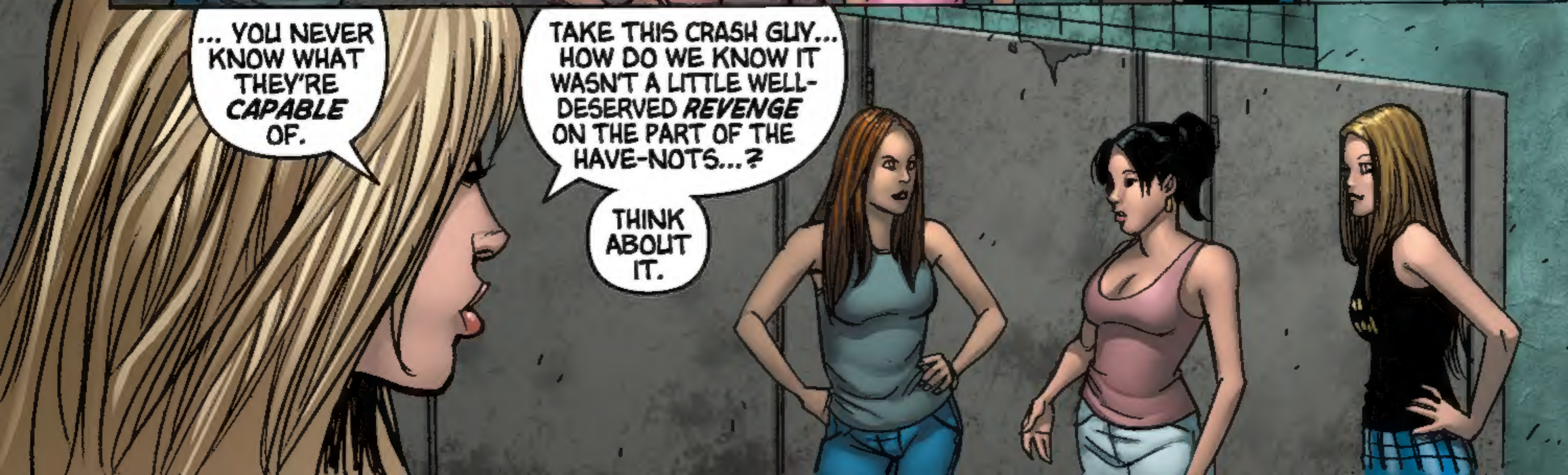
Y'KNOW, YOU'VE GOT SOME RIGHTEOUS GAMS ON YOU, GIRL-FRIEND.

WE MAY HAVE AN OPEN SPOT ON THE SQUAD NEXT MONTH...

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE...

I DUNNO... THE WAY YOUR PLAYERS ARE DROPPING LIKE FLIES...

SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU MIGHT WANNA WATCH WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT THE ALT. CROWD...

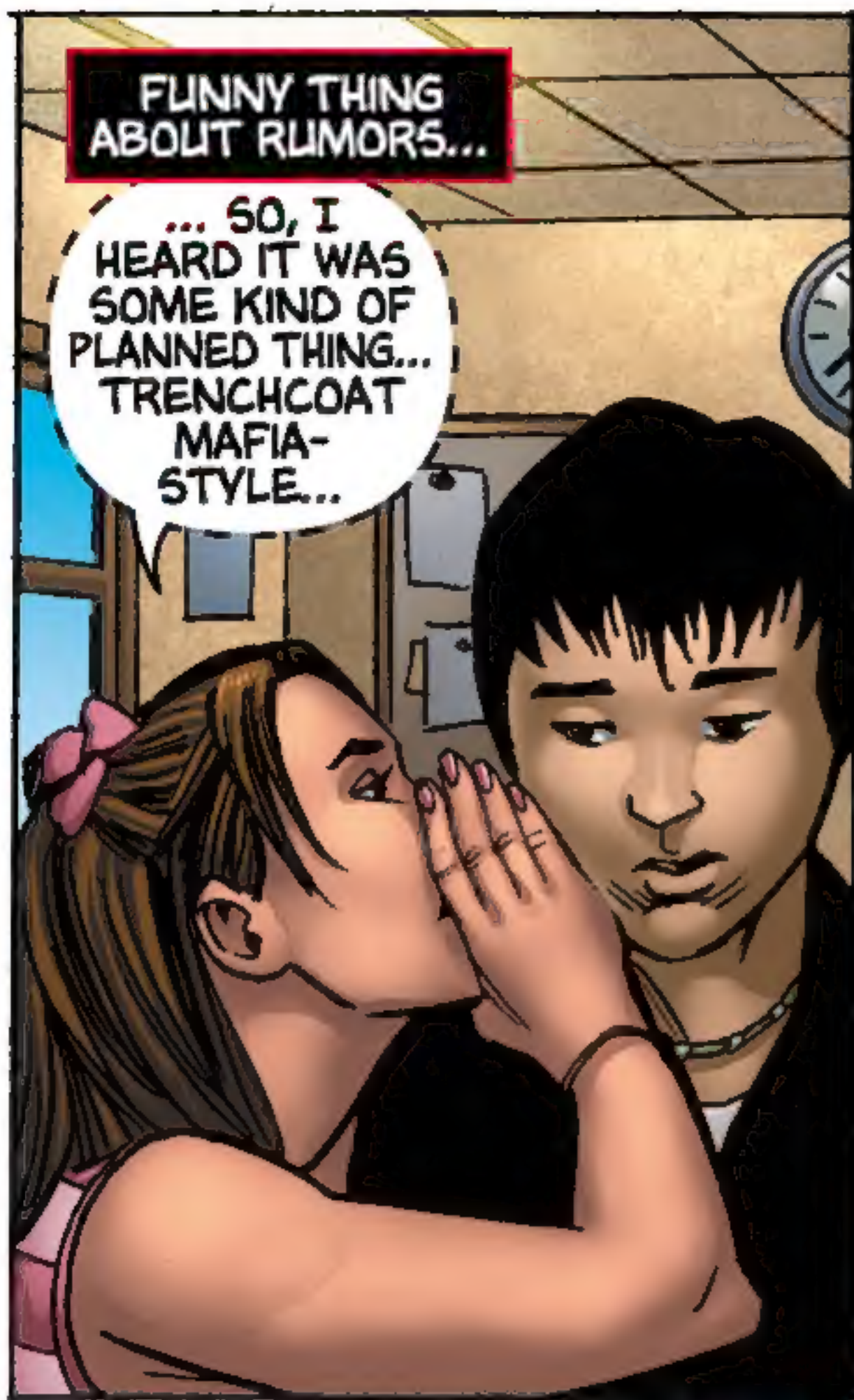


... YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT THEY'RE *CAPABLE* OF.

TAKE THIS CRASH GUY... HOW DO WE KNOW IT WASN'T A LITTLE WELL-DESERVED *REVENGE* ON THE PART OF THE HAVE-NOTS...?

THINK ABOUT IT.





FUNNY THING ABOUT RUMORS...

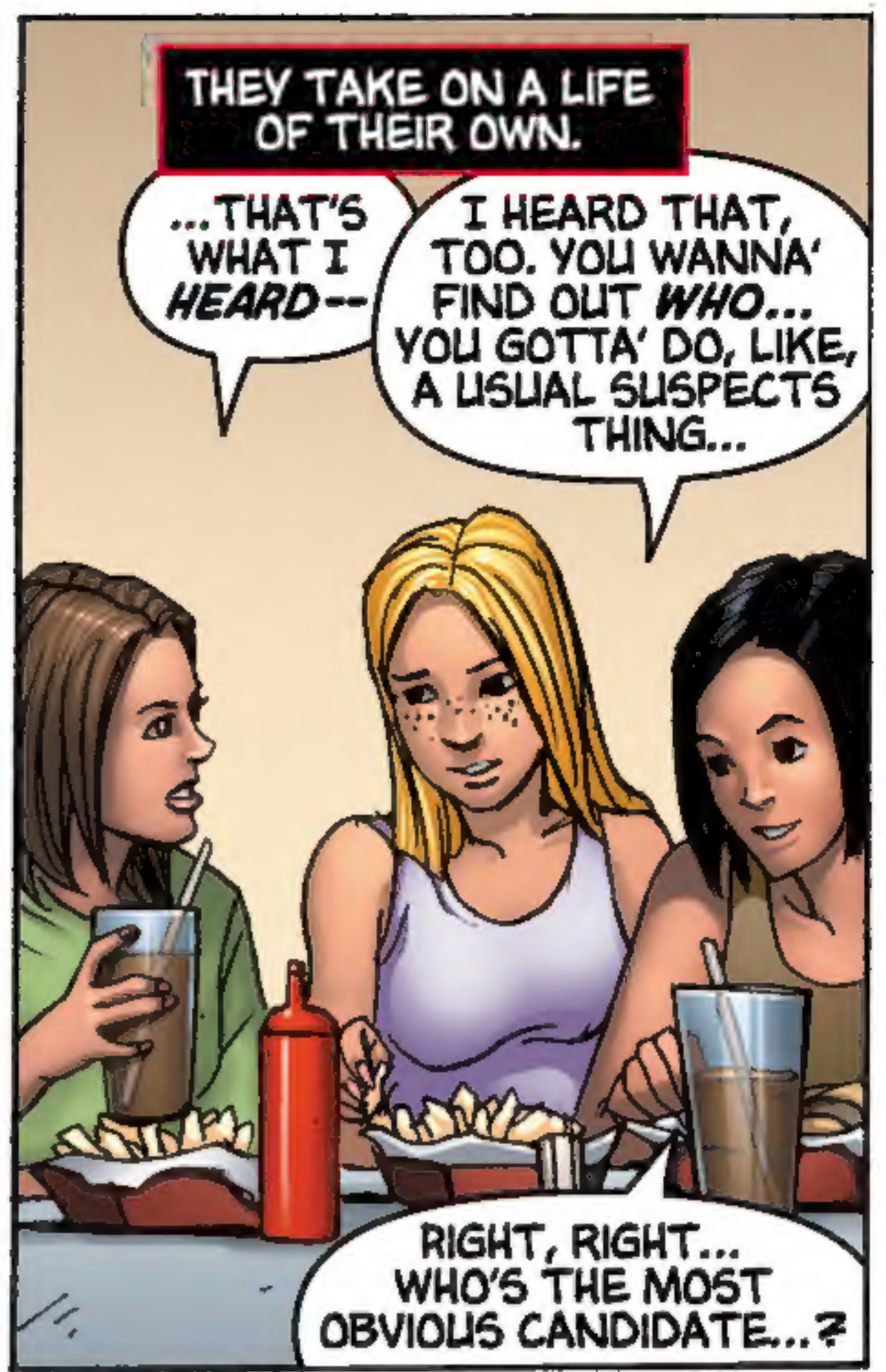
... SO, I HEARD IT WAS SOME KIND OF PLANNED THING... TRENCHCOAT MAFIA-STYLE...



...YOU CAN'T EXACTLY CONTROL THEM.

... TOTAL CLASS WARFARE, I'M TELLIN' YA'. CRASH WAS A *TARGET*, Y'KNOW...?

WHOA...!

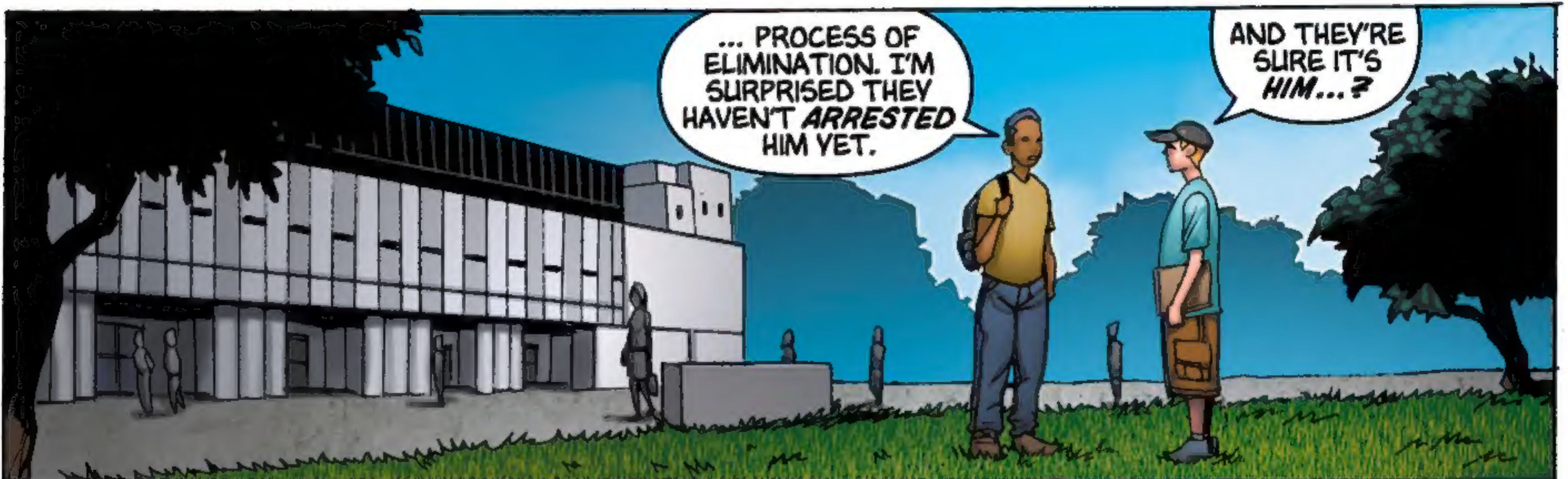


THEY TAKE ON A LIFE OF THEIR OWN.

...THAT'S WHAT I HEARD--

I HEARD THAT, TOO. YOU WANNA' FIND OUT *WHO*... YOU GOTTA' DO, LIKE, A USUAL SUSPECTS THING...

RIGHT, RIGHT... WHO'S THE MOST OBVIOUS CANDIDATE...?



... PROCESS OF ELIMINATION. I'M SURPRISED THEY HAVEN'T *ARRESTED* HIM YET.

AND THEY'RE SURE IT'S *HIM*...?



...NO WAY. HOW'D HE DO IT?

WHO CARES? I ALWAYS *KNEW* HE WAS SOME KINDA' *SATAN* WORSHIPPER OR SOMETHING...

DON'T MATTER HOW. CRASH WAS ONE OF US...



... AND IF THIS REN CHUCKER DID HIM IN, THEN IT'S *PAYBACK* TIME.

YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'...?

To Be Continued...